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# IV.—GREEK AND LATIN INSCRIPTIONS FROM PALESTINE.

The following inscriptions were copied by the Rev. Dr. Selah Merrill in the years 1875–77, in the course of journeys undertaken under the auspices of the American Palestine Exploration Society. An account of these journeys may be found in his book "East of the Jordan" (New York, 1881).

The quotations in the following are from Mr. Merrill's field-notes, except where some other source is indicated.

I.

PHILADELPHIA (Ammān). From the large temple on the acropolis. "Large blocks of the entablature are lying about, some of them nearly buried in the ground, and on some there are fragments of inscriptions. The letters are very large and were finely cut. The rock was soft, and the letters have suffered very much by bruising. I give a few imperfect fragments. By digging and turning over the blocks of stone, it is quite probable that much of the inscription could be recovered." In "East of the Jordan," p. 265, Mr. Merrill refers to this inscription as "beautifully carved in two lines."

$$a. \qquad b. \\ \frac{\text{hωnkyl}}{\text{DTΘIER}} \qquad \text{SYAYPYNOYωMEI} \\ c. \\ \text{SIYωΕΘωΝΘΧΛΦΙCΛΙΟ} \\ a. \qquad b. \\ \frac{\tau]\hat{\omega}\nu \ \kappa \upsilon \left[\rho i \omega \nu \right]}{\cdot \tau \left[\delta\right] \ i \epsilon \left[\rho \delta \nu\right]} \qquad \text{Máρκο]} \upsilon \ \text{Aὐρ} \left[\eta \lambda i \right] \text{oυ} \left[{}^{\prime} \text{Aντ} \right] \omega \nu \epsilon i \left[\nu \text{oυ} \right]$$

Of fragment c I make nothing. The other two seem to be part of an inscription in honor of M. Aurelius and L. Verus.

The temple is a tetrastyle, with eight columns on the sides. Its dimensions Mr. Merrill gives as follows: length (outside of peristyle) 160 feet; width 50 feet; height of columns 45 feet; diameter of columns 6 feet; diameter of pedestals 6 feet 10 inches; width of entablature 3 feet 6 inches.

2.

PHILADELPHIA. On two sections of a fallen column of the same temple. "When the column was standing, the inscriptions were of course concealed."



Private marks for the direction of the builders. Eéos is perhaps to be taken as a man's name.

3.

Safut. "From a stone in the angle of a beautiful cornice. The ruins may be those of a church or synagogue. The structure was large and elegant, with at least 100 feet front."

 $παπα[\hat{ι}$ ΤΕΚΝΑ τέκνα.

Compare number 54. The inscription can hardly have anything to do with the building described.

4.

As n. 4 may stand the inscription of Gerasa published with facsimile in this Journal, Vol. III, p. 206, to which I recur for the purpose of making a correction. Professor F. P. Brewer kindly pointed out to me by letter, that at the end of the 10th line  $\ell[\tau]\ell\rho[a]$ s should be read instead of  $\Gamma[\ell]\ell\rho[a]$ s this is undoubtedly right. It may be worth while to repeat the text of this interesting epitaph, thus corrected:

'Ιοιλιανὴν ο[ὖ]το[ς] | κεύθει τάφος, ῆν | κ[τ]ερέϊξεν ἔσχα | τα σωφροσύν[ης] | ἆθλα τίνων γα[μέτ]ης \* | οὖ μέτα δεῦρο μολοῦσ' | ἀπὸ πατρίδος 'Αντιο | χείης οὐκέτι πρὸς πά | τρην τῷδ' ἀπελεύσεθ' ἄμ[α. | ἀλλ' ἔλαχεν γαί[η]ς έ[τ]έρ[α]ς | μέρος 'Αντιοχείης, τ]οῦτ[ο], | τό μιν ψυχ[ῆς σῶμα] κε | νὸν κατέχει. πρη]ϋτάτη | μίμνοις, 'Ηχοῖ δ' [ἐπ'] ἴσης | λαλέοις μοι, σ]ῷ γαμέ | τη \* Πανὸς τοὕν[ομ]α | γὰρ κατέχω.

5.

GERASA (Jerash). "Over the great gate in the wall on the west side of the city¹ was originally a long inscription. The arch and gateway are now in ruins. The letters are of unusual size, and were engraved with great skill. If the great blocks of stone could be turned over, possibly more of the inscription could be recovered."

TOY<ANPYΓΡΤΗ<TWN<br/>
.PAIANH<THEPANTYΛΡ΄...<br/>
... ]ΔΝ.ΙШΝΑΝΟΗΚΛΝΚΑ.....<br/>
... ΕΙШΝΟΥΚΟΜ...ΟΥΠΡΓ.....

The block which contains this has been broken: the transpositions, therefore (the E of  $i\pi\epsilon\rho$  has strayed into the line below, and in the last line we have EIIII for IIINEI), may be due to misplacement of the fragments.

This inscription, together with n. 17,2 establishes with a reasonable degree of probability, the epoch of the city of Gerasa. We have as data:

Year 559; May of a fifth indiction: Year 138 (apparently); with mention of Commodus.

<sup>1</sup> There are two gates on the west side of Gerasa. In answer to an inquiry, Mr. Merrill decides that this was the more northerly of the two, the one "on the main road to Sūf."

<sup>2</sup> The indiction-number in n. 16 is diplomatically uncertain, and so of no independent value.

To bring 138 within the adult life of Commodus, we must assume this 5th indiction to be that which began September 601 A. D. The date of n. 17 must therefore be May 602; the year 559 of Gerasa must begin somewhere between May 2d, 601, and May 31st, 602; and the year 1 of Gerasa must begin somewhere between May 2d, 43 and May 31st, 44.

It is natural to connect this with the death of Herodes Agrippa, early in 44. That event, for most of Palestine, marked the end of the tetrarchal dominion and the re-establishment of direct provincial government. The Greek cities of the "decapolis" in the earlier days of the province (and presumably after 44 A. D. as well) enjoyed a considerable degree of autonomy. Of their status in the time of Herod the Great and his successors, we have little direct knowledge. But whatever it was, it is altogether credible that the year 44 made a great change in their condition.

Clinton' guesses that Agrippa's death may have occurred in the *summer* of 44. But it may just as well have been in the spring. All we know is that three full years had elapsed since he had been given the sovereignty of Judaea by Claudius, and this, it may be inferred, took place very soon after Claudius' accession in January 41.

We have therefore good reason for fixing, provisionally at least, the era of Gerasa in the spring of 44 A. D. To return to the inscription in hand: if we read in the first line  $\eta\lambda\rho'\equiv138$ , we are led to the year 181-2 A. D., the second year of Commodus's reign. But the plural  $\tau\hat{\omega}\nu$  in the opening formula seems to point imperatively to one of the last years of M. Aurelius, during which there were two Augusti. Commodus was made *princeps inventutis* in 175, *imperator* (along with his father) in 176, and Augustus in 177. Between 177 and 180 would be the time of our monument. I venture therefore to suppose that the numeral H of Mr. Merrill's copy is in reality  $\bar{h}$ . We get thus the year 136 of Gerasa; that is from spring 179 to spring 180. Commodus was consul in 179, and it may be as consul that he was mentioned in this inscription.

6.

GERASA. "Tablet of limestone 22 × 32 inches, with a lion in repose carved upon it. The inscription was above the lion and close to the upper edge."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fasti Romani, under year 44.

# Τωκως Μωκατείληνε Κτωνιδίων επωίιι. Νε Ετώγενρ

[οί δεῖνες . . . . σὺν] τῷ κόσμῳ κατ' εἴλην έκ τῶν ἰδίων ἐπο[ίησα]ν ἔτους Θρ' (ΟΓ Ϛρ'?)

Compare CIG. 4607 (Wadd. 2309): τὸν ναὸν σὰν παντὶ κόσμφ εὐσεβῶν ἐξ ἰδίων ἀκοδόμησεν. The E at the end of the second line seems to have come by mistake from the line above. Κατ' εἴλην = 'collectively.' The year 190 of Gerasa (see on 5) is 233 A. D.; the year 106 is 149 A. D.

7.

GERASA. "Stone  $35\frac{1}{2} \times 25\frac{1}{2}$  inches."

HNEMECICKAITATTAPAKCIMENÅKAIOB $\dots$ EFENETOEK $\triangle$ I $\wedge$ OHK $\stackrel{H}{\otimes}$ E $\wedge$ H $\wedge$ IH $\stackrel{H}{\otimes}$ IOYATTO $\wedge$ OO $\wedge$ ANO..  $\triangle$ YAETTI $\stackrel{A}{\otimes}$ E $\wedge$ HT $\stackrel{A}{\otimes}$ NNI $\stackrel{A}{\otimes}$ OIIAYOY $\stackrel{A}{\wedge}$ YCATOYNIKOMAXO

KAIAMYNTOYMA $\stackrel{A}{\wedge}$ AATEINH $\stackrel{C}{\otimes}$ 

ή Νέμεσις καὶ τὰ παρακ $[\epsilon]$ ίμεν[a] καὶ ὁ βω $[\mu$ ὸς ἐγένετο ἐκ δι[a]θήκη[s] Δη $[\mu]$ η $[\tau]$ ρίου ᾿Απολλοφάνο[υς δ $[\iota]$ ὰ ἐπιμελητῶν Νι[κ]ο $[\mu]$ ά $[\chi]$ ου Αὐσάτου (?), Νικομάχο[v]καὶ ᾿Αμύντου Μαλλατείνης (?)

GERASA.

8.

ENTEYΘEN ἐντεῦθεν

HΡ≷ΑΤΟΤΟ ἤρξατο τ

ΕΡΓΟΝΤΗΟ ἔργον τῆ,

ΚΑΤΑΟΤΡω καταστρι

CΕΟΟΤΗΟΟΚΑ σεος τῆς

ΦΗΟΕΠΙ ... φης, ἐπὶ

ΑΡΧΗΟΟΑΡΑΠΟ λίου Σαρ

ΔωΡΟΥΕΠΠ δώρου, ἔ

ΤΗΝΤΕΤΡΑ τὴν τετρι

ΟΔΙΑΝ οδίαν.

ἥρξατο τὸ
ἔργον τῆς
καταστρώσεος τῆς σκάφης, ἐπὶ [τῆς
ἀρχῆς Σ(έξτου) Αὐρηλίου Σαραποδώρου, ἔ[στ' ἐ]π[ὶ
τὴν τετραοδίαν.

I do not venture to disturb καταστρώσεος, in view of πόλεος, n. 26, and ιερέος, n. 66.

9.

GERASA. "On three adjacent columns, still standing, which formed part of the great circle of columns inclosing the forum or large market-place."

 $\alpha$ .  $\Delta$  ΗΜΗΤΡΙΑΝΟC  $\Delta$  ημητριανὸς  $\dot{\epsilon}$  πλήρωσεν.  $\dot{\epsilon}$  δ.  $\dot{\epsilon}$  ΕΠΛΗΡϢCEN  $\dot{\epsilon}$   $\dot{\epsilon}$ 

χαίρ-

οις Κ[ά λλιστ-

XAIP
OICKH
ANICT

Fragment (including the end) of a metrical epitaph.

GERASA. A fragment.

PRINC . PEREORI . princ[i]pe [p]r[i]or[e

13.

GERASA. A fragment.

ΑΓΟΡΕω . . .

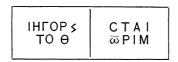
GERASA. A fragment.

ω ≼ΥΜ**≤**Μ

14.

15.

GERASA. "On two sides of the base of a column."



I leave to others the interpretation of these signs, which appear to be partly numerals.

#### 16.

GERASA.¹ This inscription was copied by Dieterici about 1850, and has been twice published on the basis of his copy: first by Boeckh, in the Monatsbericht of the Berlin Academy, 1853, p. 23; and afterwards by Kirchhoff in the Corpus Inscr. Graec. Vol. IV, n. 8654. Since then three other copies, made by English travellers, have been made public in the Quarterly Statement of the English Palestine Exploration Fund: one by R. B. Girdle-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conder gives the location of this inscription as " in a building south of the Great Temple."

stone (made in 1860), Statement 1883, p. 198; another by A. E. Northey, in *minuscules* (made 1871), Statement 1872, p. 70; another by C. R. Conder (made 1882), Statement 1882, p. 219. Mr. Merrill's copy was made in 1876.

With the aid of these *five* copies a nearer restoration of the inscription is now possible. Mr. Merrill says "the letters were finely cut, and are generally distinct." Northey, on the other hand, "It is almost impossible to decipher the latter portion."

Mr. Merrill's copy, which is the best of the five, reads as follows:

The chief variants of the other four copies are these:

Line I: OMOC G(irdlestone), C(onder), OMOL D(ieterici),  $\Delta o\mu os$  N(orthey).—POY in Θεοδώρου omitted by D.— Cross after Θεοδώρου omitted by DGCN.— MΛΡΤΡΟΕ D.— C omits all after ΘΕΟΔ $\omega$ POY, D all after AΘA, N all after  $a\theta a\nu$ ; G gives AΘΑΝΑΤ(OY).

Line 2: ΚΕΑΝΘΙΟ D,  $\Omega$ ΚΕΑΝΟΙΟ G, ΙΚΕΑΝΟΙΟ + C, ωκεανφ N.—Ε $\omega$ ΜΑΓΛΡ D.—ΕΝΓΑΙΗ DG, ΕΝΓΑΗ C, ενται  $\dots$   $\eta$  N.—ΕΙΕ D.—ΑΓΓΕΧΙΚ  $\dots$  D, ΑΓΓΕΛΙ  $\dots$  G, ΑСΕΕΛΙΚΕ C, αγγελθη(?) N. Line 3: ΙΤΕΛΕΘΕΙ C, ΤΕΛΕΘΕΙ DG, τελεοει N.—κατηραον N.—ΕΡΜΛ D, ΕΡ  $\dots$  C, ερμ  $\dots$  N.—Gap of several letters after έρμα indicated by GCN: no gap D.—ΑCΤΕΙ G, ΟΕΤΕΥ D, ΓΤΕΙ C, αγιρι N.—κ $\dots$  και (for KAI) N.—ΝΑΕΤΝΕΙ D, ΝΑΕΠΗΕΙ G, ΝΑΕΤΗΟ C, νορπης D.—ΕCCOMENOIO D, ΕΞCOMENO D, εωρμενο  $\Omega$ . N, ΕCEOMEN D.

Line 4: MAPTYPION G, μαρτυρίον N, PΓΥΡΙΟΝ D, PΤΥΡΙ... C.—MAIω D, ηίωα N (GC like Merrill).—THC... TINAK G, THC.... ΕΙΝΛΚ C, της .... ινακ N, THΕΙΝΔΚ D.— ανηλθενταπε N (DGC precisely like Merrill, save that C has a gap between HΛ and  $\Theta$ EN).

+ κυριακός] δόμος εἰμὶ ἀεθλοφόρου Θεοδώρου + μάρτυρος ἀθανάτ[ου, κλέος οὖ καὶ ἐπ'] ἀκεανοῖο + σῶμα γὰρ ἐν γαίη, ψυχὴ δ' εἰς οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν [ + ἀγγελικ[ὴν ἄνοδο]ν τελέθει, κ(αὶ) ἀγήραον ἔρμα [ + ἄστει καὶ ναέτησι καὶ ἐσσομένοι[σι τέτυκται. +

έθεμελιώθη τὸ] μαρτύριον Μαίφ τἢ ε΄ [τῆς ζ΄] ἰνδ(ικτιῶνος) κ(αὶ) ἀνῆλθεν ΤΑ

Kirchhoff is doubtless right in understanding μαρτύριον, not as the tomb of the saint, but as a church built in his honor. So a μαρτύριον τοῦ ἀγίου Θεοδώρου, CIG. 8616, at Shakka (Saccaea) in the Trachonitis.

For the beginning, see CIG. 8652, κυριακὸς άγίου Ἡλισύου τοῦ ἐνδόξου μάρτυρος. The supplement in the second verse (κλέος οδ καὶ ἐπ') is from Kirchhoff, who, however, has ἀθάνατον.

The verb  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \theta \epsilon \iota$  is here transitive. In late Greek,  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \theta \omega$  was used as equivalent to  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \omega$ . Orac. Sibyll. iii. 263:  $\tau \circ i \circ \iota$  μόνοις καρπὸν  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \theta \epsilon \iota$  ζείδωρος ἄρουρα | ἐξ ένὸς εἰς έκατόν,  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \theta \circ \nu \tau \delta$  τε μέτρα θέοιο. Christian epigram in Anthol. Palat. i. 31, 3: πρευμενέα πραπίδεσσιν ὑπὲρ μερόπων  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \theta \circ \nu \sigma a$ , where Jacobs says wrongly "scribe  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \omega \sigma \omega$ " See L. Dindorf at the end of the article  $\tau \epsilon \lambda \epsilon \omega \omega$  in the Paris Thesaurus.

The last line is puzzling. The letters of the latter half of it, from K on, seem certain, from the consensus of all the copies; and Kirchhoff's drastic remodelment cannot stand. Probably, however, Kirchhoff was right in taking  $v\pi\epsilon$  at the end as a date. The year 485 of Gerasa began, if our calculation is right, in the spring of 528 A. D. May of 528 was in a 6th indiction, and the sign before INA, which Girdlestone read as a T, Conder as an E, and Merrill as a  $\bar{\Gamma}$ , may very likely have been  $\bar{\Gamma}$  or S. The expression  $\partial v \bar{\eta} \lambda \theta \epsilon v$  is singular, though  $\partial v \bar{\eta} \gamma \epsilon \rho \theta \eta$  is frequent enough. Supposing this right, we have left the letters TA, which I am unable to explain. Possibly  $r(\hat{\eta}s)$  'A $(\nu\tau \iota \nu \chi \epsilon i as)$ ?

# 17.

GERASA. "The form of the letters and the character of the stone seem to indicate that both belonged to the same inscription." Besides Mr. Merrill's copy, we have one of both a and b, made by Conder (in 1882), published in the Quarterly Statement of the English Palestine Exploration Fund for 1882, pp. 218 and 219; and a very imperfect one of b only, made by Girdlestone (in 1860)

and published in the same periodical, 1883, p. 108. The parts a and b have been separated. According to Conder. a is "in a building south of the Great Temple" (the same in which n. 16 is found), and b "in the Southern Theatre."

Mr. Merrill's copy is as follows:

The other two copies are much less carefully done, and none of their variations have any significance except these.—At the beginning of line  $\mathbf{r}$  of b, Conder has IITH, Girdlestone  $\Pi TH$ .—The beginning of line  $\mathbf{r}$  of a reads in Conder ICITIOAITAIC, after which he marks the cross distinctly.—The fourth line (which Girdlestone omits entirely) reads in Conder's copy thus:

α.ΘΥΡΑΕΝΜΛΙωΤΗCΕ . . .Ο ΘΝΟΕΤΓ

The inscription is complete on the right, but much is lacking on the left. It ran in four hexameters, followed by prose, somewhat as follows:

+ εἰμὶ δόμος Στεφάν]ου? θεοείδεος, οὖ κλέος ἔπτη εἰν χθονὶ κ(αὶ) πόντω, [ψυχὴ δὲ κατ' αἰθέρα ναίει, ἀγγελικῆ]ς μετὰ πότμον ἀεὶ μετέχουσα χορείης, ἔρκος [ἐοῦσα καὶ ἄμμι καὶ ἐσσομένο]ισι πολίταις. + χάριτι τ[ο]ῦ θ(εο)ῦ ἐθεμελιώθη [. . . . . . . καὶ ἡ] θύρα ἐν Μ[α]ιωρτῆς ε΄ [ἰνδ.] τοῦ θνφ΄ ἔτ[ους].

For the date of the inscription, probably 602 A. D., see on n. 5. That the indiction-number here is 5 ( $\epsilon'$ ), and not 15 ( $\epsilon\iota'$ ) is pretty clear from n. 16, in which the indiction-number, though not distinct, may be  $\Gamma_i$ , but cannot be A.

#### 18.

GERASA. Published, but much less correctly, in the Corp. Insc. Graec., No. 4662 b (compare also the addenda, Vol. iii, p. 1183), from Buckingham.

Γκατά κέλευσιν] [τοῦ δείνα τοῦ] ΕΤΤΙΦΑΗΛΙ έπιφα νεστά-TOYHEFANOTTPE του [μ]ε[γ]αλοπρε-TTEETATOYKAITTE πε σ τάτου καὶ π ε-PIBAETTOYKOMIT ριβλέπτου κόμιτ ος KAIAPXONTOEET καὶ ἄρχοντος [έ]γ[έ-NETOTOEPFONTOY νετο τὸ ἔργον τοῦ **EMBOZOY** έμβό[λ]ου.

The letters  $\Lambda I$  at the end of line 1, "look," Mr. Merrill says, "as if scratched on by a later hand." The  $\xi\mu\beta\alpha\lambda\sigma$  is a porch attached to a church or other building; see CIG. 8641 ( $\equiv$  Waddington, n. 1878), and Byzantine writers.

19.

GERASA.

YOY
Abrum
AOTH
AOTH
AOTH

A fragment which I cannot explain.

20.

GERASA. Mr. Merrill gives a new copy of the long metrical inscription, Corp. Inscr. Gr. 8655. Although it suggests no new readings, it is in some places more correct than those hitherto published, and I print it here:

Line 1.

+ OAMBOCOMOYKAIOAYMATTAPEPXOMEHOICINETYXOHN

TANTAPAKOCHIHCAEAYTAINEOOCANTIDEAHM

HCTHCTPOTEOHCTTAHTHI.IEOPOYXAPICAMOI

BEBHKCHKAITTOTE...

Line 2.

ΟΠΟΣΑΜΟΓΕΟΝΤΑΔΑΜΕΙΗ ΕΝΘΑΔΕΡΙΠΤΟΜΕΝ Ο ΙΔΗ ΔΑ ΙΕΓΕΙΡΕΙΡΕΤΟΛΥΓΡΗΠΟΛΛΑΚΙΚΑΤΠΑΡΙώΝΓΙ Ε ΕΔΡΑ ₹ΑΤΟΡΙΚΟ Ο ΕΚΑΙΠΗΟΙΗ ΕΠ....

Line 3.

Line 4.

EΙΔΕΘΕΛΕΙ ΣΚΤΟΥΤΟΔΑ ΗΜΕ ΉΑΙΟ ΦΡΕΥΕΙΔΗ Σ + ΑΙΝΕΙΑ Ε ΤΟΔΕΚΑΛΛΟΣΕΜΟΙΤΤΟΡΕΉΑ ≷ΙΕΡΑ ΣΤΟΗΠΑΉΣΟΦ Ο ΣΕΥΣΕΒΙΝΜΕΜΕΛΗΜΕΝΟΣΙΕΡΟΦΑΝΤΗ Σ +

This copy is at least as good as the two older ones on which Boeckh's restoration (reproduced by Kirchhoff) is based. Much worse is that published in 1870 by two Italians, Garovaglio and Vigoni, and discussed by Moritz Schmidt in the Jahrbücher für Philologie, 1870, p. 814. The inscription was also printed, in minuscules and very inaccurately, in the Quarterly Statement of the Palestine Explor. Fund, 1869, p. 389, on the basis of two unpublished copies made by Girdlestone and Warren in 1857 and 1867 respectively.

21.

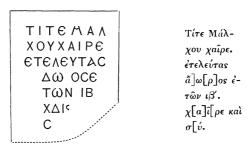
Pella (*Tubakat Fuh'l*). "Very large letters over the door of a tomb that had been recently opened." In "East of the Jordan," p. 185, Mr. Merrill says: "The door of this tomb was 37 inches wide, 5 feet high, and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick. It had three loculi. The inscription, short as it is, occupied 33 inches on the lintel."

Φως Φορογ

Φωσφόρου.

The name CIG. 9169 and elsewhere.

GADARA. "On a raised tablet on a broken section of a large basalt column. In the blanks of lines 4 and 5 there are no traces of letters. The letters were neatly cut."



# 23.

GADARA. "Over the entrance to a tomb." Framed in and complete. Less correctly in Corp. Inscr. Graec. 4660.

# ΓΑΙΟΥΑΝΝΙΟΥΓΑΑΝΥΙΦ

 $\Gamma a \overset{\star}{lov}$  'Applov  $\Gamma a (\overset{\star}{lov})$  'Ap(plov)  $v \overset{\star}{l} [\overset{\varepsilon}{s}]$ .

# 24.

GADARA. "Over the door of a beautiful tomb." Framed in and complete.

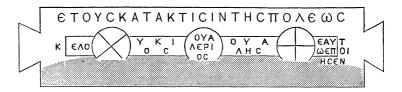


The syntax of the last line is a barbarism.

# 25.

Beit er Ras. "The stone is hard basalt. The centre (the circles, etc.) is raised, and the letters and ornamentation are finely carved. The bottom of the face of the tablet has been chiselled

off, cutting away the lower part of the circles." "It appeared to be a lintel, and is supported now at each end by stones."



ἔτους κατὰ κτίσιν τῆς πόλεως κε΄ Λούκιος Οὐαλέριος Οὐάλης έαυτῷ ἐποίησεν.

The raised part in the middle was originally blank, and an inscription was cut in two lines, above and below this part, of which the first line still remains. A later possessor of the tomb, L. Valerius Valens, chiselled off the second line and inserted the new date  $(\kappa \epsilon')$  and his own name with what follows, as well as he could, in the middle.

# 26.

Irbid (Arbela?) near Beit er Ras. "Stone now used as the lintel of a small house or goat-pen, placed so that the inscription faced the ground or threshold." See "East of the Jordan," p. 293.

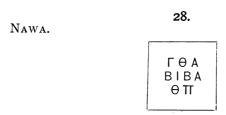
тэ	
ETOYCIEKATAKİİ	έτους ιε' κατά κτί-
CINTHCΠΟλ€Ο	σιν τῆς πόλεο[ς
ΛΟΥΚΙΘΟΔΟΜΗ	Λούκιος Δομ[ί-
ΤΙΟΟΜΛΉωΡ	auιος Μ $a[ί]ω ho$
THNCTHAHNAYIO	τὴν στήλην αὑτ[ῷ
CYNTω € NAYTHMN	σὺν τῷ ἐν αὐτῆ μν-
Λ <sup>Α</sup> ? ΜΙωεποιнсεν	η]μίω ἐποίησεν.

# 27.

*Irbid.* "On the lintel, still in position, of a small temple or a large tomb. The building belongs to the best class of Hauran ruins." See also "East of the Jordan," p. 293.



Compare the end of an epitaph in Waddington, n. 1936: ὅταν κάμης, τοῦτο τέλος. There is a curious epitaph of Berytus (Beirut), published in Perrot's "Inscriptions d'Asie Mineure et de Syrie" (Paris, 1877), p. 66, and of which I find a squeeze among Mr. Merrill's papers: θάρσι ᾿Αρτεμιδώρα, οὐδὶ(s) ἀθάνατος. ταῦτα ζήσασα ἔτη κθ΄. Here ταῦτα must mean "to this thou hast come," or something similar.



I do not make out this name.  $\theta \pi'$  appears to be the age.

29.

ADRAA (*Dra'a*). This and the following ten gravestones "had, with others, just been dug up from a depth of ten feet below the surface of the ground." "These eleven are but a few of a large number which exist at this place."

ГАҮЄ	
HNAC	Γαυέη Νασράλλου
ΡΑΛΛ	$\epsilon \tau(\hat{\omega} \nu) \; \lambda \beta'$ .
OYET	
л В	

 $\Gamma av\acute{\epsilon}\eta \equiv \Gamma aova\acute{\iota}\eta$  in Waddington, n. 2032.

Adraa.		30.	
ADRAA.	ZABO Υ Δ A Θ H N A C P A Λ Λ ΟΥЄΤ ΚΗ		Ζαβουδάθη Νασράλλου ἐτ(ῶν) κη΄
		31.	
Adraa.	ΛΑΡω ΝΑCΦ ΙΛ·· Π ΠΟΥ €ΤΛ		Μαρώνας Φιλ $\left[ i\pi  ight]$ που $\dot{\epsilon}  au(\hat{\omega}  u)$ $\lambda'$ .
		32.	
Adraa.	C€M A⊖H MAP WNA €T		Σεμάθη Μαρώνα ἐτ(ῶν)
		33.	
Adraa.	ΟΦΡΗ ΜΙΓΝΑ ΟΥ· €Τ ΚΔ		'Οφρη Μιγνάου ἐτ(ῶν) κδ΄.
		34.	
Adraa.	FEPM ANOC MAY EIAO CET		Γερμανὸς Μαύειλος ἐτ(ῶν)

The similar name, Μαύελος, occurs Waddington, n. 2055.

35.

ΘΗΑΤΙΟ
ΝΙΝΑΡΙ

36.

ΑDRAA.

ΟΥΑ
ΘΗC
ΑCΧΟ
ΝΟΥЄ
ΤΚΕ

Οὖαελάθης is nominative masculine, like  $\Sigma_i$ άθης,  $Z_a$ βδαάθης (Waddington, n. 2162, 2618), and others. The corresponding feminine, Οὖαελάθη, in n. 43, and Waddington, n. 2055. With ᾿Ασχόνου, compare ᾿Ασχόνη, n. 41.

27

Adraa.	MAPK ANOC ACON CET KA	<b>37.</b> Μαρκ[ι]ανὸς ['Ι]άσον[ο]ς ἐτ(ῶν) κδ'.
Adraa.	∆□M ITTI □NΓ EME AA□ NET NA	38. Δομίττιον Γέμελλον ἐτ(ῶν) να΄.

39.

Adraa. ΔΟΥ

A fragment.

BOSTRA (Bozrah). "The stone was built into a wall or fence about a grave, the perfect end projecting two or more feet from the ground. It was necessary to dig up the stone before it could be copied. The missing portion could not be found." The inscription is framed in, and complete except on the right.

OYTTOTTCHNBIOTOIC

AMATYXHTTOCINMOTEI

AMOTEAECKAZOYCAKAK

KMOICTEФӨNEOYCOA

WCNYNKYIIHCMEPATO

HEOMHKPAHNKAMEI AEI

THNETIMHNIKYOYCANEN

THAEKINWNФIAOCYIOCEAEIM

AIEIMINAOMOCOYTOCEWNI

οὔποτ' ἴσην βιότοι [ο θεοὶ χρηστοῖς ἐπένειμαν, 
ἀ[λλ]ὰ Τύχη, ποσὶν [ἄλλ]οτε [μὲν κραιπνοῖσι συθεῖσα 
ἄ[λλ]οτε δὲ σκάζουσα, κ[α]κ[ὰ φρονέουσα δικαίοις 
κ[α]λοῖς τε φθ[ο]νέουσ' ὀλ[οφώῖα ἔργα τελείει. 
5 ὡς νῦν Κυ[ρ]ί[λλ]ης ἐρατὸ[ς βίος ὥλετο λυγρῶς, 
ἢ[ς θάλλ'] ἡ[λικίη], κά[λλ]ει δ' ἐ[παγάλλετο μορφῆς. 
τὴν ἔτι μηνὶ κύουσ[α]ν ἐν [ὀγδόω ἤρπασε δαίμων. 
τ]ἢ δὲ Κί[μ]ων φίλος υίὸς ἐδείμ[ατο σῆμα φαεινόν. 
αἰεί μιν [δ]όμος οὖτος έων [κατέχοι μετὰ παίδων.

The supplements at the end of the lines are meant, of course, to be tentative only. The whole 6th line is very uncertain.

#### **4I.**

BOSTRA. "Built into the steps of the Sheikh's house at Bozrah. One end and two sides were covered by other stones, and it was necessary to get permission to take up this part of the steps before

5

the inscription could be copied." "The size of the stone was  $22 \times 28$  inches." In spite of the fracture on the right edge the inscription seems to be complete.

A V P Η Λ Ι A A C X O N Η Κ A N A V Θ Η N Η Ε ΝΘ ΑΔΕ ΚΕ ΤΑ Ι C Φ Φ Φ W N ΚΑ ΙΟΙΛ ΑΝΔ Φ Ο C X Ε P C Ι Ν Κ Η Δ Ε V Θ Ε Ι C A T Ε Κ Ν W N T Ε ΚΑ Ι ΑΝΔ Φ Ο O Z Η C A C A E T Η Ε Ι Δ W N M X A Ι Ρ W π Φ W Δ Ε V

Αὐρηλία 'Ασχόνη Καναυθηνἡ ἐνθάδε κε[ῖτ]αι, σώφρων καὶ [φ]ίλανδρος, χερσὶν κηδευθεῖσα τέκνων τε καὶ ἀνδρό[s], ζήσασα ἔτη μ΄. πρ[ό] δ' εἰδῶν [Φ]ευρ]α[ρί]ω[ν (?)

The gentile  $Ka\nu a\nu\theta\eta\nu\dot{\eta}$  is interesting as giving, in yet a new form, the name of the town which usually appears as  $K\dot{a}\nu a\theta a$ , but also as  $K\dot{\epsilon}\nu a\theta a$ ,  $K\dot{a}\nu \omega\theta a$  or  $K\dot{a}\nu \omega\theta a$  (see Waddington on n. 2329); to these must now be added  $K\dot{a}\nu a\nu\theta a$ .

The last two lines are muddled. The graver began the date,  $\pi\rho\delta$   $\delta'$   $\epsilon i\delta\hat{\omega}\nu$ , in the left hand corner, expecting to carry it across the stone, but finding the middle of the stone for some reason impracticable (perhaps it was to be covered) he was crowded into the line above. On the right, the name of some month must have stood. It is perhaps simpler to read  $\chi a\hat{\iota}\rho[\epsilon]$  above and  $[\Phi]\epsilon\nu$ . below.

# 42.

BOSTRA. "From a grave in Bozrah. The stone was lying on its side, and had been built into a small modern tomb, i. e. a pile of stones laid in order over a grave and whitewashed. The ends of the lines on one side seemed to be perfect."

ΙΧΘΔΑΘΘΟ	$\epsilon [ u]  heta lpha \delta \epsilon $ κ $\hat{\iota}$ -
ΤϾΟϹϾΔΧ	$ au\epsilon$ 'Ο $\sigma\epsilon\delta[lpha]$ -
ниомни	$ heta[\eta]$ 'Ηωόνη $(?)$
CωφΡω 	σώφρω-
<b>√ΖΗ</b> ϹΔ <sup>2</sup> ζΕΕΠ	$ u$ ] ζήσασ' έ $[\tau \eta$
ЖІН	[ 🖟 ] 🛮 ທ່

BOSTRA. Tombstone.

OYAE Oửae-  $\Lambda$ A $\Theta$ H  $\lambda$ á $\theta\eta$ ABBOY "A $\beta\beta$ ov,  $\Theta$ T  $\Lambda$ Z  $\Theta$ 4 $\tau$ 0.  $\Lambda$ 5 $\tau$ 1.

44.

BOSTRA. Tombstone.

45.

BOSTRA. Tombstone.

ΘΑΜ Θαμάρη**.** ΑΡ Η

The name, Waddington, n. 2147.

46.

BOSTRA. Tombstone.

APCINO 'Αρσινόη, H €TωN ἐτῶν πη'.

47.

BOSTRA. Tombstone.

Um el Jemal. "From the lintel of a door to a house, shop, or possibly a public building. There are at this place a good many Greek, Latin, and Aramaic inscriptions, besides those which MM. Waddington and de Voguë have given, and it is a pity that they cannot be carefully collected.'

KAIOVMOC	Καίουμος.
ΚΛΆνΔΙΆΝΟΕ <sup>ς</sup> ?	Κλαυδιανδ
λΔ€ ⊕ ΛΦΟС	<i>ἀδε</i> λφός.

The name Kalovµos is new, but Kalaµos occurs in Waddington, n. 2103, and elsewhere. In like manner we have Kalovvos and Kalavos (Wadd. n. 2089 and 2091).

# 49.

El Ayin near Salchad. Less complete in Waddington, n. 1968 a, from copies of Graham and Wetzstein.

Υπεροωτηρίας	ύπὲρ σωτηρίας
ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΟΥСЄΒ	Γορδιανοῦ σεβ(αστοῦ)
@AIMOCAMEPOY	Θαΐμος 'Αμέρου,
ONOAGOCACA	'Ονόαθος 'Ασλ[άμ-
O.)OHOAΘOC	$o[v]$ , ' $O[v]$ $\delta a  heta o s$
ABPI.H	'Αβρ[άνου

The last name, Waddington, n. 2053 d.

50.

Suweida.

MKOKKHIOCICH .  $\stackrel{\text{B}}{\text{P}}$   $\stackrel{\text{M}}{\text{(άρκος)}}$  Κοκκήϊος . .  $[\Phi]$ ιρMANOCOKAIAOY μανὸς ὁ καὶ ᾿Αου- $|\Delta$ ΟССΤΡΑΕΓΓ  $\hat{\text{(δος)}}$  στρ(ατιώτης) λεγ(εῶνος) γ΄

ΚΥΡΤΑCΤΡΙCΥΑΛΙΔΑ Κυρ(ηναϊκῆς), τὰς τρῖς ψαλίδαCCΥΝΚΥΜΑΤΙ $\omega$  ς σὺν κυματί $\omega$   $\in$  ΚΤ $\omega$ ΝΙΔΙ $\omega$ Ν  $\hat{\text{ε}}$ κ τῶν ἰδί $\omega$ ν.

What stood after Κοκκήῖος I do not know; perhaps the tribe (TEP?). 'Αουῖδος is the name which commonly appears as 'Αουεῖδος (Wadd. n. 2081, etc.).

# 51.

CANATHA (Kunawat). "On the base of a column which is now used as a stand near the door of a house. The lines are perfect on the left, and there did not appear to be many letters wanting on the right."

ΘΕωπατρο.	Θεώπατρο-
ωMA≥I⊦	ς] Μάξι μος
OKAIANO	ό καὶ ἀΑνο∫ῦν-
O-COKCIH	os $[M]$ οκ $[ε]$ ί $[μ$ -
ΟΥΤΟΒΟΔ	ου τὸ βό[θρον
€ПОІПСІ	$\epsilon \pi o i [\eta] \sigma [\epsilon \nu  \epsilon'$
ΚΤωΝΙΔΙΟ	κ τῶν ἰδί[ων.

βόθρον is for βάθρον, by a substitution frequent in inscriptions of Syria. An ᾿Ανοῦνος Μοκείμου was buried in the neighboring town of Saccaea (Shakka), at the age of 25; see Wadd. n. 2153 a.

# 52.

Canatha (*Kunawat*). "In the wall of a ruined house. Six lines. Inscription very plain."

Τωνοι	
POYMOY	ρου μου
MENTO	, ,
πω≼ΔΕ	πως δε
KOTE≼	κότες
ΔΙΗΓΕΙ	$\cdot \cdot \delta_{i\hat{n}} \gamma_{\epsilon} \Gamma_{\nu}$

A second copy of Mr. Merrill's gives ∏O≤∆E in the 4th line. Parts of lines, probably of a metrical inscription.

#### 53.

CANATHA (Kunawat). "Waddington, No. 2345, has one nearly" [in fact exactly] "like this, except that his has several

more words than mine, and was found in the house of a sheikh. Mine was in an old wall which had to be pulled down to get at the inscription, as only one corner of it appeared. The letters were well made, and I copied all there were on the stone."

[ἀφιέρωσεν τ-]
[ἢν χώραν σὺν]
ΤϢΒϢΜϢΤΗ τῷ βωμῷ τἢ
ΚΥΡΙΑΑΘΗΝΑΓ κυρίᾳ ᾿Αθηνᾳ ΓΟΖΜΑΙΗЄ ΚΤϢΝ οζμαίῃ ἐκ τῶν
ΙΔΙϢΝΜΝΗ ἰδίων μνήΜΗCΧΑΡΙΝ. μης χάριν.

I doubt, notwithstanding, whether this is not a part of the same stone which Wetzstein and Waddington copied.

CANATHA (Kunawat).
 ... AITEKNON παπ]αῖ τέκνον.
 Compare n. 3.

# 55 and 56.

ATHILA ('Atil). "There were two beautiful temples at this place, and all the inscriptions found there, or fragments of inscriptions, are finely carved." In the absence of any further record of the character and whereabouts of these two stones, I am uncertain whether they belong together or not; but venture to restore the inscriptions on the supposition that they do. In that case the gap of about two letters marked at the beginning of 56 must be a mistake.

(55)	(56)
HPIAL	AETOY
HMWN	ωΝ
. FOPEKAIEAP♦E	CKAICAP♦C
CYANTWNEINOY	
TYXOYEEEB	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In "East of the Jordan," p. 48, Mr. Merrill speaks of copying, at 'Atil, five Greek inscriptions "not found in Waddington's work"; but there are only two such among the papers which I have.

In honor of Caracalla, after his elevation to imperial rank, but before the death of his father.

# 57.

Suleim (Selaema). "This word was carved in large letters and stood alone on the face of a block of basalt near the top of the well preserved temple at this place."

НРШОНС

 $^{\prime}$  $H\rho\omega[\delta]\eta s$ .

# 58.

Reima (RIMEA). "From the wall of an old house in which much dung had accumulated. There were other fragments in the same place, but it was next to impossible to copy them."

YΠΑΤΙΚΤ . . . YCTOYMIO ΚΕΟΥΙΡ . . ΟΥΝΕΠΌΤΙΑ ΕΚΠΌΘΗ

ύπατί[α] Τ. [Πο]υστουμίο[υ Τιτιανοῦ κὲ Οὐιρ[γι . ί]ου Νεποτια[νοῦ . . . ἐκ[τί]σθη.

The consuls of the year 301 A. D. The full name of the former, T. Flavius Postumius Titianus Varus, has long been known from inscriptions of Rome (CIL. Vol. vi, n. 1416-18). The gentile name of the latter, Virgilius or Virginius, now appears for the first time. For the spelling Πουστούμιος, see CIG. 342.

59.

Reima.

MAPTEINOC ANΔPOCY Ιώπα

I cannot explain what follows Μαρτείνος.

Reima.

⊕ IX + OVC ⊕

# 61.

ZORAVA (Zora or Ezra). Corp. Inscr. Gr. 4573 c, from an imperfect copy of Buckingham's.

- .. HAOCKAIZOBAIAOCY
- .. MOYOOYKAIMOCEIFOCKŐÎ
- .. AIÂCYIOIOCBAPAXOYKAIKÔÎ
- ..OCI \ BAPOYKAIIABNHAOIABFA
- .. ΑΝΈΝΤωΗΙΔΙώΝ

The only points at which Buckingham's copy seems more correct than this, are in line 4, IABNHAOC, and at the beginning of line 5, CAN.

- . . ηλος καὶ Ζοβάϊδος υ[ίοὶ
- . . μούθου καὶ Μόσειγος καὶ
- . . aί[a]s υίοὶ 'Οσβαράχου καὶ Καίαμ]ος Γαβάρου καὶ 'Ιάβνηλος 'Αβγάρου ἔκτι]σαν ἐ[κ] τῶν ἰδίων.

Μόσειγος, 'Οσβάραχος, Γάβαρος and 'Ιάβνηλος are names not found elsewhere. The last three are confirmed by Buckingham's readings.

#### 62.

ZORAVA. A fragment. Buckingham's utterly unintelligible copy is in the CIG., n. 4573 d.

 $\begin{aligned} &\Pi \text{ATPIKIE} & \Pi \text{atrikis} \\ & \text{AMMPIΛΙΟΥ} & \text{`Aμμριλίου} \\ & \text{ΕΠΛΑΚ} & \text{ἐπλάκω-} \\ & \text{CEITΠ} \mathring{\Delta} \mathring{\Lambda} & \sigma \text{ε[ν] τ[ό]} \dots \end{aligned}$ 

Πατρίκις is for Πατρίκιος. With 'Αμμριλίου compare 'Ιάμμλιχος, Wadd. n. 2210  $\alpha$ . The more usual form is 'Αμβρίλιος. The verb

πλακῶσαι means to cover the brick-work of buildings with marble slabs; see CIG. 4283, 8641, 8662, Wadd. n. 1984 b.

63.

ZORAVA. A fragment.

**ΕΠΑΛΚϢCEN** 

 $\dot{\epsilon}\pi[\lambdalpha]$ κωσ $\epsilon \nu$ .

# 64.

ZORAVA. Two fragments. That they originally belonged together, and were on the lintel of a door, is seen from the copies in CIG. 4565, and Waddington, n. 2491. Both Franz and Waddington, however, restored the inscription as an epitaph.

a.	b.
ΑΓΑΘΗΤΥΧ	KAICVI
ΗΕΥΤΥΧϢϹ	πл
$\dot{a}\gamma a  heta \hat{\eta}   au \dot{u}\chi$ -	$Kai[o]v[\mu os\ \epsilon]$
η, εὐτυχῶς.	πλ άκωσεν.

The name Kaiovuos is in n. 48.

# 65.

Rukleh. "Badly worn." Another copy, by C. Warren, is printed in the Quarterly Statement of the Pal. Expl. Fund, 1869, p. 329. The stone, according to Warren, is "lying in the lower temple." I put the two copies side by side.

Merrill.	Warren,
XIOPOTAINωNO	ΧΙΟΙ ΙΟΠΔΡΟΤΛωωνομ
ΔΟωΗCANΤΟ	ΔΟΜΙΚΑΝΤΟΘ
NONKCTOVCTTP	NONKCTOYCΠRCK
ACCYNTHOVP	ACCYNTNCYPA

. . .  $i[\epsilon]$ ροτα[μίαι]  $\phi[\kappa]$ οδόμησαν τὸ  $\theta[\epsilon \mu \epsilon^-]$ λι]ον  $\kappa[\hat{\epsilon}]$  τοὺς πρ $[\circ βλη$ τας σὺν τ $\hat{\eta}$   $[\theta]$ ύρ[a.

 $\Pi \rho o \beta \lambda \hat{\eta} \tau \epsilon s =$  'buttresses,' or 'pilasters'? I hardly know what, but feel pretty sure of the word.

Rukleh. "Badly worn."

Ο ΠΑCCΝΧωΝ ΤΡΙώΝCΥΝΔΥCΙ ΙΟΝΧΑΙΟЄΚ ΤωΝΤΗCΘΡΟΥ ΔΙΑΘΥΔΑΙЄ ΡЄΟC [...  $\sigma v \gamma \kappa - ]$   $o \pi \dot{a} s \quad [ \dot{\epsilon} \lambda \dot{\iota} \kappa ] \omega \nu$   $\tau \rho \iota \dot{\omega} \nu \quad \sigma \dot{v} \nu \quad \delta v \sigma \dot{\iota}$   $[ \kappa ] \dot{o} \nu \chi \alpha \iota [ s ], \quad \dot{\epsilon} \kappa$   $\tau \dot{\omega} \nu \quad \tau \dot{\eta} s \quad \theta [ \epsilon ] o \dot{v},$   $\delta \iota \dot{a} \quad \Theta [ \epsilon ] v \delta \dot{a} \quad \dot{\iota} \epsilon - \rho \dot{\epsilon} o s.$ 

Συγκοπαί = 'tessellated work'; in the plural, Theophanes Continuatus (Bonn, 1839), p. 145, 11. The έλικες are vaulted ceilings; κόγκαι are 'niches.' For ίερέος see on n. 8.

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<sup>1</sup> This meaning of  $\hat{\epsilon}\lambda\iota\xi$ , without citation, has been in our Greek dictionaries since Schneider's, who says "die späteren gebrauchen es für Gewölbe," but gives no authority. I cannot find, at present, any example of this use, nor the source of Schneider's statement.